

Answer to Question # 1: Answer 2 is correct.

In Japanese, don't use the pronouns これ (kore), それ (sore) and あれ (are) to refer to places, like cities, countries and parks. Instead, use the pronouns ここ (koko), そこ (soko) and あそこ (asoko).

Therefore, # 2 is correct.

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Question # 1: "Kore vs. Koko"

Riding on the shinkansen, you arrive in a new city.

Turning to the person next to you, you want to say "This is Osaka." Which of the following 2 Japanese sentences is correct?

1. これは大阪です。 (kore wa oosaka desu)
2. ここは大阪です。 (koko wa oosaka desu)